

# Standards & Assessment CAHSEE Notes

California Department of Education

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### Release of 2006–07 Summary Results

In August, the California Department of Education (CDE) will release summary results for the 2006–07 California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) administrations. Results at the school, district, county, and state levels will be available on the CDE Web site at <a href="http://cahsee.cde.ca.gov/reports.asp">http://cahsee.cde.ca.gov/reports.asp</a>.

## 2007-08 Parent Notification Assistance Packet Now Available

Beginning in grade nine, students and their parents or guardians must receive written notice of the CAHSEE requirement from their school district. This notice must be provided at the beginning of the school year. This month, the CDE released the CAHSEE assistance packet Notifying Parents and Guardians for the 2007–08 School Year to

assist school districts in providing this notification. This assistance packet, which is posted on the CDE Web site at <a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/resources.asp">http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/resources.asp</a>, includes a sample notification flyer and suggestions for informing students and their parents or guardians about the CAHSEE. In July, a Spanish translation of the parent documents in this assistance packet will be available on the CDE Web site.

## Upcoming Material Ordering and Pre-ID Deadlines

Below are the material ordering and Pre-ID deadlines for the upcoming administrations of the CAHSEE. All deadlines are at 5:00 p.m. CAHSEE administration questions should be directed to Educational Testing Service (ETS), the contractor for the administration of the CAHSEE, at (800) 241-5687.

Administration	Test Material Ordering Deadline	Pre-ID Deadline	Late Pre-ID Deadline	Supplemental Shipment Deadline
July 24-25, 2007	June 11	June 19	July 9	July 18
October 2-3, 2007	August 20	August 29	September 17	September 26
November 6-7, 2007	September 24	October 3	October 22	October 31
December 1 and 8, 2007	October 22	October 31	November 15	November 21

#### 2008-09 and 2009-2010 Testing Dates

This month, the CDE will release the CAHSEE administration dates approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the 2008-09 and 2009-2010 school years. The administration dates will be available on the CDE Web site at <a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/admin.asp">http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/admin.asp</a>.

## Special Education Exemption Requirements

Education Code Section 60852.4 (Senate Bill 267) requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) to grant a high school diploma to each student with disabilities who is scheduled to graduate from high school in 2007, has not passed the CAHSEE, has not been granted a local waiver of the CAHSEE requirement pursuant to Education Code Section 60851(c), and has met each of the seven criteria listed in Education Code Section 60852.4. LEAs must submit documentation of the failure to grant a high school diploma pursuant to this section to the State Board of Education (SBE) within 15 days of the determination that the student does not meet the criteria for the one-year exemption. *Education* Code Section 60852.4 will remain in effect only until December 31, 2007, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before December 31, 2007, deletes or extends that date.

The CDE has developed a form that may be used to document a student's eligibility for the one-year exemption. This form was e-mailed to district testing coordinators in February and is available on the CDE Web site at <a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/admin.asp">http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/admin.asp</a> under "Exemption for Certain Students with Disabilities."

## Special Education Data Reporting Requirements

LEAs are required to report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction information pertaining to the exemptions provided pursuant to *Education Code* Section 60852.4, as well as the local waivers granted pursuant to *Education Code* Section 60851(c). The deadline for reporting the 2006-07 waiver data is December 31, 2007, and the deadline for reporting the 2007 exemption data is February 1, 2008. This fall, the CDE will provide LEAs with instructions for reporting these data.

#### More Information...

Additional information about the CAHSEE is available on the CDE Web site at <a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/">http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/</a>. Questions about the CAHSEE can be directed to the CAHSEE Office at (916) 445-9449.